

ASHLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023

The Ashland City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the Ashland City Hall Auditorium with Mayor Larry J. Fetner presiding. Council Members present were Dianne Ballard, Bobbie J. Steed, Kim M. Cain, Annette F. Gaither, and Tommy Cantrell. Also present were Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett, Fire Chief James “Jimmy” Lee, Police Chief Joseph Stanford, Maintenance Supervisor Phillip Stinson, Librarian Tina Nolen, Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce, and Ray Stansell with the Clay Times Journal.

Assistant City Clerk Catrett called roll and deemed a quorum present.

City Clerk/Administrator Chelsey Wynn and Parks & Recreation/Youth Sports Director Raquil Ward were absent.

Mayor Fetner called the meeting to order, and Council Member Cain gave the invocation.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving the agenda. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous regular meeting. Council Member Steed seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Informational:

1. Tiffany Young with Clay County Chamber of Commerce addressed the Mayor and Council with the 2023 contract and events.
2. Mayor Fetner advised of ALM Advocacy Day March 8, 2023

Committee Reports:

Mayor Fetner did not report.

Council Member Ballard did not report.

Council Member Steed did not report.

Council Member Cain thanked the city of allowing the Clay County Arts League to utilize the City Park for Christmas Lights and advised the Arts League would like to continue the event. Council Member Cain also discussed Frontier Days. Council Member Cain also reported on a request from Chip East for a meeting at 10 A.M. on February 1, 2023 concerning Ashland City Park, and an ornamental pruning workshop.

Council Member Gaither reported on the removal of all Christmas Decoration. Council Member Gaither thanked everyone for helping. Council Member Gaither expressed concern over safety at the City Park at the drive near the play equipment.

Council Member Cantrell did not report.

Fire Chief Lee reported on calls received since the last regular meeting, recent/upcoming training, and Clay County Court House walk through. Chief Lee also reported on needed tools for the Fire Department.

Police Chief Stanford reported on an incident that occurred over the weekend. Chief Stanford also reported on necessary Tahoe repair due to an accident involving a deer.

Maintenance Supervisor Stinson reported the manholes on Howard Ballard Drive has been repaired. Supervisor Stinson also reported on sidewalk repair, and agenda items including an asbestos survey to be completed by OneStop Environmental.

Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Catrett did not report.

New Business:

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving the current bills received since the last regular meeting in the amount of \$13,745.03. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. \$14,989.00 for workers compensation insurance. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$1,795.00 for turnout coat for Ashland Fire Department, paid from tax account. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving to pay NAFECO \$2,047.00 for turnout gear for Ashland Fire Department, paid from tax account. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Ballard made a motion approving to pay Edgar & Associates, LLC. \$3,602.10 for audit field work and monthly compilations. Council Member Gaither seconded motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Steed made a motion approving to give Assistant City Clerk/Court Clerk Robin Catrett an evaluation-based raise to Range 16 Step 10 effective February 4, 2023. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to pay OneStop Environmental to complete an asbestos survey for 83121 Highway 9 at an estimated cost of \$3,100.00. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving to pay ALEA \$1,650.00 for LETS Access and SNAP Entry for Ashland Police Department for 10/01/2022-12/31/2022. Council Member Cantrell seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Gaither made a motion approving to give Equipment Operator Christopher Elliot an evaluation-based raise to Range 8 Step 9 effective February 4, 2023. Council Member Ballard seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cain made a motion approving Assistant Library Director Bethany Owens to attend LIB Leanx 2023 Library Convention on January 27-30, 2023 in New Orleans, LA with registration costs of \$525.00, accommodation cost of \$938.34, and reimburse travel expenses. Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Council Member Cantrell made a motion approving for Lett's Do Cars to repair Patrol Unit 179, 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe, and an estimated cost of \$3,080.91. Council Member Cain seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Old Business:

Resolutions, Orders, Ordinances, and Other Business:

There being no further business Council Member Cantrell made a motion to adjourn, Council Member Gaither seconded the motion, and all votes were unanimous.

Mayor

Attest